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My name is ethan estes a resident of massachusetts and i just wanted to tell you that this preposed settlement is awful. The idea that you are making Microsoft donate their technology to disadvantage schools is horrible. The idea is to give students who have no options oppurtunities-choices really. Yet the way you are doing it gives Microsoft all the controls to decide what the students get-what lesson do you want to teach these students. This would be like forcing momma bell to install telephone service into any home they already didn't control back in the eighties rather than what happened-they were split up. Microsoft has such power already with there OS-why give them more? The idea is to force Microsoft to survive in a COMPETATIVE market-this will rerquire them not to impead the development of other software developers-application developers as well as OS developers. If a school system wants Linux computers they should be able to get them, not be railroaded into Microsofts vision of our future. You should take a look at the briefing apple computer has filed in CA. It's suggestions would force Microsoft to attempt to be a good citizen-you need to remember that Microsoft is not in the business of making our lives better or giving us choices-That is our government's job. I for one would like to see you stop playing buddy-buddy with them and treat them like a company found guilty of abusing their position as a monopoly. That is a federal offense is it not?-ethan a estes

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